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TO : Chief of Station, Karlsruhe
FROM : Chief, Foreign Division M

DATE: 14 July 1940

Attn: Dulles

SUBJECT: GENERAL Operational
SPECIFIC: LINHART, Ferdinand

Reference: 1071-A

The following traces are available here on LINHART, Ferdinand, listed in reference document as a Category 1 contact of WEACR:

1. NATA-374, 14 Oct 1947

LINHART: Secretary to REINHOLD, when the new anti-Communist intelligence network, as proposed by Julius DEUTSCH, to have operations in the SPG, then will report to LINHART. Secretary REINHOLD expects such networks can be in operation within four weeks.

2. WEL/-1776, 24 Jan 1949

Report states, in re the formation of Austrian Army anti-Soviet organizations and activities in Austria, that the records of selected personnel are kept by Lt. Col. LINHART for Minister SCHNER and by unnamed police officer for State Secretary GRAPP.

3. 1071-25, 21 June 49

Listed as a member of the 1st of the Austrian Federal Army: SPG - Ferdinand LINHART. Age: about 40. Served with the Austrian "Volkswehr" (People's Army), precursor of the Austrian Federal Army. In 1938 was a captain in the 6th Inf. Regt. in Vienna, was taken over by the German Army and promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel. His last assignment during the war was that of recruiting district commander in Neuenkirchen. Is a member of the Austrian Social Democratic Party and had belonged to the "Republikanischer Schutzbund" (a semi-military organization of the Austrian Social Democratic Party). In 1940 became adjutant to Minister of the Interior REINHOLD, was detached to the Inspectorate General of the Austrian Police (security guard) late in 1940. Is designated by the Social Democratic Party of Austria for the post of future Minister of National Defense or at least a Secretary in this Ministry.

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4. NGIA-890, 5 Dec 49

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14. Col. Ferdinand LINHART, Ministry of Interior. Subject is listed as one of USAGM's important connections with SPO, Austria. USAGM also states that firm connections have been established with the two party-influenced organizational centers for the future Austrian army (Bundesheer); the SPO line is contacted through Oskar REINER and Ferdinand LINHART, Assistant and personal secretary to Oskar REINER, Minister of Interior and one of the leading persons in SPO intelligence.

5. NGIA-1586, 23 Mar 50

14. Col., Austrian & ndarmetia party secretary to REINER (SPO), Category 1 contact of USAGM; contacts with REINER, LINHART, VOITHOFER and PITTMANN.

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